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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Vincent P. Gepson, age 51 of Omaha, was sentenced in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska for six bank and credit union robberies occurring in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area. The Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Senior United States Judge, sentenced Gepson to six concurrent terms of 140 months. After his release from prison Gepson will be on supervised release for 3 years. Gepson was further ordered to pay restitution in the sum of \$24,320.

Gepson committed six robberies of federally insured banking institutions between November 13, 2008, and December 1, 2008. Four of the banking institutions were in Omaha. The Omaha institutions were: 1) Centennial Bank at 6306 Center Street; 2) First National Bank branch at 2930 South 24th Street; 3) American National Bank, 9009 Maple Street; and 4) Bank of Nebraska 1941 South 42nd Street. The other two institutions were the United Credit Union and the Telco Triad Credit Union in Council Bluffs.

The robberies were conducted in a similar fashion. Gepson would enter the bank and present a note demanding money from the teller. He would either show the teller an air pistol that he suggested was a firearm or suggest that he was carrying a firearm to intimidate the teller.

After his arrest Gepson admitted to an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had robbed one of the banks. Surveillance images from each of the banks were consistent with Gepson's image.

Name of Defendant: Vincent P. Gepson

AKA:

Age: 51

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Bank robbery, 20 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or about the 13th day of November, 2008 ; On or about the 17th day of November, 2008; On or about the 26th day of November, 2008, and On or about the 1st day of December, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 5, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: December 4, 2008

Indictment Returned Date: December 17, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: December 15, 2008 on Complaint; December 22, 2008, on Indictment.

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on October 1, 2010

Sentencing Date: January 13, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: December 5, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Lyle E. Strom

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